

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 3, after "application" insert -- is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/001,016 filed December 30, 1997, now pending, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/650,684 filed May 20, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,788,639, which --.

Page 1, line 3, delete "co-" and line 4, delete "pending".

Page 6, line 5, after "display." insert -- The tissue section images visualized on the display 46 can provide diagnosis in the location of tumors or other conditions beneath the surface of dermatological tissue, such as basil cell carcinomas and melanomas, and thus, if needed, visualization of the borders of the tumor prior to excision of tissue. --

In the Claims:

Please add new Claims 27-43:

27. A microscopic imaging apparatus for imaging tissue samples for pathological applications through an objective lens, said apparatus comprising:
an objective lens; and
a window having a surface capable of being in a pressure contact relationship with the surface of said tissue sample in which said window is in optical communication with said objective lens.

28. The apparatus according to Claim 27 further comprising an illumination beam which is focused by said objective lens through said window to said tissue sample.

29. The apparatus according to Claim 28 wherein said objective lens receives returned light from said tissue sample representing a tissue section.

30. The apparatus according to Claim 28 further comprising a light source for said illumination beam.

31. The apparatus according to Claim 28 wherein said window is transparent to said illumination beam.